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THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH COMPARED.

**A COMPARISON, BY COLOR, OF THE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 YEARS OF LIFE EXPOSED.
FOR THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 1918, 1919, AND 1920.**

The accompanying table is reprinted, by permission, from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for May, 1920. The figures are based on a strength in excess of 13,000,000.

Death rates per 100,000 years of life exposed. First quarters of 1918, 1919, and 1920, compared, by color, for principal causes of death.

[Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Industrial Department.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000.					
	White.			Colored.		
	January to March, 1920.	January to March, 1919.	January to March, 1918.	January to March, 1920.	January to March, 1919.	January to March, 1918.
All causes of death.....	1,273.0	1,486.0	1,131.9	1,906.1	2,036.9	1,939.8
Typhoid fever.....	4.3	4.6	6.4	8.6	9.1	16.6
Measles.....	14.4	3.1	12.5	3.7	2.0	7.2
Scarlet fever.....	8.8	4.9	6.2		.6	.3
Whooping cough.....	9.1	3.8	8.8	8.9	2.8	12.7
Diphtheria and croup.....	29.7	24.6	23.5	6.5	7.1	8.4
Influenza.....	158.4	298.1	16.6	221.4	331.0	42.2
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	134.1	157.7	170.8	301.1	310.4	395.0
Tuberculosis of the lungs.....	121.4	144.2	155.4	278.1	287.7	366.0
Tuberculous meningitis.....	6.2	6.1	8.4	4.7	7.6	7.5
Other forms of tuberculosis.....	6.5	7.5	6.9	18.3	15.0	21.4
Meningitis—total.....	6.8	8.7	10.3	8.4	6.2	10.6
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	5.5	7.3	6.1	7.3	5.9	6.3
Cerebral hemorrhage—apoplexy.....	68.1	63.8	68.3	93.4	97.4	103.7
Organic diseases of heart.....	142.2	137.1	144.7	194.9	195.7	219.5
Total respiratory diseases.....	258.7	289.5	185.6	417.3	416.8	379.0
Bronchitis.....	14.2	13.1	13.7	18.8	14.7	20.8
Broncho-pneumonia.....	74.7	72.9	44.3	87.7	84.1	62.1
Pneumonia—lobar and undefined.....	155.8	192.1	117.6	292.0	300.7	277.1
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	14.0	11.5	10.0	18.8	17.3	19.0
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	9.2	10.2	12.4	10.2	12.7	12.1
Under 2 years.....	4.1	4.4	4.9	3.9	2.3	3.3
2 years and over.....	5.1	5.8	7.5	6.3	10.5	8.7
Nephritis and Bright's disease.....	86.5	86.8	99.6	147.8	141.9	182.4
Total puerperal state.....	31.6	29.0	18.8	35.8	28.9	28.9
Puerperal septicemia.....	8.3	5.7	8.6	14.7	10.2	12.1
Puerperal albuminuria and convulsions.....	4.8	5.8	4.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
Other diseases of puerperal state.....	18.5	17.5	5.8	14.9	13.0	9.6
Total external causes ¹	58.8	120.2	88.5	86.1	129.1	125.7
Suicides.....	5.1	7.5	7.1	3.4	4.8	6.0
Homicides.....	2.8	3.4	4.1	17.8	28.6	20.5
Accidental and unspecified violence ²	50.0	60.1	69.4	61.1	69.4	91.4
Accidental drowning.....	2.1	(3)	(3)	2.4	(3)	(3)
Automobile accidents.....	5.6	(3)	(3)	2.6	(3)	(3)
War deaths.....	.8	49.2	7.9	.8	26.3	1.8
All other and ill-defined causes of death.....	252.4	244.0	258.8	361.9	345.2	395.6

¹ Includes "war deaths."

² Excludes "war deaths."

• Data unavailable.